राजस्थान में दूरदर्शन ट्रांसमीटरों का कार्यनिष्पादन सन्तोषजनक है तथापि कुछ ट्रांसमीटरों का कवरेज स्थानीय भू-भाग की परिस्थितियों के कारण सीमित है। ये ट्रांसमीटर शुरू में सम्बद्ध जिला प्राधिकारियों द्वारा उपलब्ध कराई गई इमारतों में लगाये गए थे। सवाई माधोपुर और कुछ अन्य स्थानों पर लगाए गए ट्रांसमीटरों को उनके स्थानों पर ले जाने की परिकल्पना की गई है जहां पर उनका एन्टेना 100 मीटर ऊंचे टावर पर लगाया जाएगा। यह काम 1991 में पूरा किया जाएगा ताकि इन ट्रांसमीटरों से प्राप्त होने वाली कवरेज का विस्तार किया जा सके।

Fire at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi

158. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a maojr fire had occurred at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on 16th April, 1990 when a conference of Senior Police Officers from all over the country was in progress therein;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Chief Fire Officer, Delhi, had suggested electric short-circuit as probable cause of the fire;

(c) whether as per the Blue-Book of VIP security, fool-proof protection of a VIP venue of meeting like Vigyan Bhavan against electric short-circuit is one of the pre-requisites; and

(d) if so, whether Government accept the responsibility for the security lapse at Vigyan Bhavan; if not, the justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As per standing instructions extra safety protections are taken at such venues.

(d) A Committee has been set up to inquire into the lapses, if any.

Withdrawal of sedition cases

159. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have withdrawn the charges of sedition and other anti-national activities against a number of persons who had been booked by the previous Government and were facing prosecution in various Courts;

(b) if so, the number thereof, State-wise and Union Territory-wise; and

(c) whether the Publishers & Editors of the three newspapers from Jammu & Kashmir, which have been banned recently, are facing charges of sedition; if not, for what offences they have been booked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Surrender by the Naxalite in Andhra Pradesh

160. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, consequent upon the offers for various incentives for rehabilitation, etc,, by the previous Government of Telugu Desham party in Andhra Pradesh a, number of naxalites surrendered voluntarily;

(b) if so, their number and whether Government have since scrutinised their respective detail; and

(c) if so, the category-wise details of those having police records of more than two years, less than two years, less than one year old and how many of them did not have previous police records at all?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

12.00 NOON

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS ON THE PANEL OF VICE-CHAIRMEN

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that I have nominated the following Members on the Panel of Vice-Chairmen:

1. Shri Ashwani Kumar
2. Shrimati Jayanthi Natarajan
3. Prof. Chandresh P. Thakur
4. Shri Bhuvnesh Chaturvedi
5. Shri M. A. Baby
6. Dr. Bapu Kaldate

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, Papers to be laid on the Table.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, what about the arrest of the Sankaracharya of Dwarka? The Government should make a statement on it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let the papers be laid on the Table.

Report and Accounts (1988-89) of the Rehabilitation Plantation Limited, Punalur and related papers.

1. THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) Sir on behalf of SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Thirteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Rehabilitation Plantations Limited, Punalur, for the year 1988-89, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Company.

II. Statment (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at I (i) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-757/90 for I and II).

Report and Accounts (1988-89) of the National Film Development Corporation, Bombay and related papers.

2. THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Fourteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Film Development Corporation, Bombay, for the year 1988-89, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Corporation.

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay